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In re Patent Application of: :  
Nabesako et al. :  
Application No.: 10/537,570 : Group Art Unit: 2416  
Filed: June 3, 2005 : Examiner: C. B. Patel  
For: ENCODING/TRANSMITTING APPARATUS :  
AND ENCODING/TRANSMITTING METHOD :  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: